

February 18, 1989

Dear Dr. Peeples,

Just a short note. Since writing you last, I looked through my census records, and need to correct one item on the Stoneys. I said something to the effect that George Stoney's existence could be verified by other census'. But I now notice that he does not appear on the 1810 census, so he presumably died between 1805 and 1810. Where Elizabeth & the girls were in 1810 is a mystery. The Stoney females should appear in someone's household for the 1810 & 1820 census'.

I also ran across a death notice of John (Capt. Jack) Stoney. If he immigrated to this country in 1774, then his son James, born 1772, was born before he arrived in S.C. Thus John and Elizabeth were married before they came over, so she wouldn't have been a "local girl", but an immigrant also. Is this correct? I have written a correspondent who may have done some Gaillard research to see if she possibly included Stoneys.

In pursuing David Zubly, son of J.J.Z., who was a Loyalist, I checked the American Loyalist Claims, and found one made by him. It was most informative. It seems that J.J. deeded part of Middlesex to David before his death, and the remainder by his Will. The claim contains a good, though confusing, description of Middlesex and what he calls Middlesex Ferry. The house is described as; "a very good 2 story house consisting of nine rooms and a garret with good and convenient outhouses,... a number of bridges, one of which cost 70 pounds in 1770"

David says he left Savannah with the evacuation in 1782, from there he went to St. Augustine, and at the peace, he went to the Bahamas. He now resides at Nassau in New Providence. (1786) His affidavit also reveals the name of his wife, which I had not been able to find before. He married ELIZABETH PYE, the daughter of John Pye.

David's only known daughter, Helena, married Archibald Smith. I have yet to check and see if he might have been a Loyalist also and filed a claim. Still wouldn't answer my question as to whether they may have had another daughter, Elizabeth.

David's claim also recounts the looting of the home at Middlesex and its library of hundreds of books, first by the Liberty Boys and then by the "citizens of Purrysburg", and the burning & sacking of the house in Savannah. It conjures up such a vivid picture of the horrors and deprivation caused by revolution.

One thing I keep forgetting to ask you. Sometime last year I hastily read a reprint of an old letter making reference to a prison camp located on Hilton Head during the Civil War. Do you know of it? I meant to save the article to reread & possibly send you, but it got thrown out. It appeared in THE MADISONIAN newspaper. I wonder if anyone might have sent it to you or if you would be at all interested. You probably have all the information you'd ever want on it, but if not, I'll be glad to see if I can get a copy & send you.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex".